Memorandum by All-India Station Master's Association

4781. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum submitted by All-India Station Master's Association in the month of February, 2002; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the steps taken or proposed to be taken for the fulfilment of their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Recently a Strike Notice raising identical demands was also received from the All India Station Masters' Association threatening to go on strike from 10-04-2002. All the issues raised in the memorandum were examined in detail and the position explained in the Conciliation Proceeding conducted by the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), New Delhi on 4th & 5th April 2002. Consequently, the Association agreed to defer the proposed strike.

Pay anomaly in CSIR

4782. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether various Central Administrative Tribunals, including Principal Bench in Delhi disposed off Original applications filed by Gr. III employees of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research on revision of pay scale, during March-June, 2001;

(b) whether CSIR has already informed its Governing Body that in more than ten organisations, higher pay scales were specially recommended by Fourth Central Pay Commission to similarly situated employees;

(c) whether a section of staff in CSIR with similar qualifications are drawing revised pay scales; and

(d) whether Government would consider revision of pay scale in the light of verdict of Tribunals and above recommendation of the Pay Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) No Sir.

(d) The matter has already been considered and decision of the competent authority has been duly intimated to the concerned employees.

Technology Mission for Sugar Industry

4783. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken up a Sugar Technology Mission for technology upgradation of sugar industry;

(b) if so, what are the details of technologies undertaken for evaluation;

(c) what are the findings; and

(d) to what extent these have been implemented by the sugar industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (d) Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) is implementing the Mission Mode Project Scheme on Sugar Production Technologies (STM) of Department of Science and Technology for improving the technical performance of the sugar industry.

The Mission has prepared modernization schemes for 30 sugar factories in the country focusing on energy conservation, higher plant efficiencies, capacity optimization and improvements in sugar quality. The Mission has also evaluated 20 new technologies so far. The details of the technologies undertaken for evaluation, findings and status of implementation are given as under: